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Applicant: Jennifer L. West and Kristyn Simcha Bohl

Serial No.: 09/653,406 Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned

Filed: September 1, 2000 Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

For: **NITRIC OXIDE-PRODUCING HYDROGEL MATERIALS**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows. It is believed that no fee is required with this submission. However, should a fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 01-2507.

In the Specification

On page 1, line 4, please delete "photopolymerizable" and insert in place thereof
--polymerizable--.

On page 1, line 12, after "smooth muscle cell", please insert --(SMC)--.

On page 2, line 1, please delete "**JENNIFER – WE NEED CITES INSERTED!**".

On page 2, line 4, please delete "1989" and insert -(1989) *J. Clin. Invest.* 83:1774-7--

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after "Garg et al.", .



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Application Number	09/653,406
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Deposit Account Number **01-2507**
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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101 800	201 386	Utility filing fee	
106 310	206 155	Design filing fee	
107 480	207 240	Plant filing fee	
108 800	208 386	Reissue filing fee	
114 150	214 75	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$0.00)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	37 -37 = 0	x 18.00	= 0.00
Independent Claims	5 -5 = 0	x 78.00	= 0.00
Multiple Dependent		260.00	= 0.00

or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see below

Large Entity Small Entity

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
103 18	203 9	Claims in excess of 20
102 78	202 39	Independent claims in excess of 3
104 260	204 130	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109 78	209 39	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110 18	210 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$0.00)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105 130	205 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127 50	227 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139 130	139 130	Non-English specification	
147 2,520	147 2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
112 920*	112 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113 1,840*	113 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115 110	215 55	Extension for reply within first month	
116 380	216 190	Extension for reply within second month	
117 870	217 435	Extension for reply within third month	
118 1,360	218 680	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128 1,850	228 925	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119 300	219 150	Notice of Appeal	
120 300	220 150	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121 260	221 130	Request for oral hearing	
138 1,510	138 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140 110	240 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141 1,210	241 605	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142 1,210	242 605	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143 430	243 215	Design issue fee	
144 580	244 290	Plant issue fee	
122 130	122 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123 50	123 50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126 240	126 240	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581 40	581 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146 800	246 345	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
149 750	249 345	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	

Other fee (specify) _____

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